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I. Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims replaces without prejudice all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended) A foam pad comprising:

a surface to which a trim cover can be secured, the surface comprising a channel having a longitudinal axis and a maximum width of up to about 15 mm,

the channel having a first section, ~~and~~ a second section, and a third section disposed serially along the longitudinal axis, the ~~first~~ second section: (i) having a narrower width than the first and third sections ~~second~~ ~~section~~ when measured in a direction perpendicular to along said longitudinal axis, ~~and~~ (ii) having disposed therein one of a male portion or a female portion of a releasably engageable male-female trim cover attachment system.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended) The foam pad defined in claim 1, wherein the channel has a maximum width of up to about 12 mm.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended) The foam pad defined in claim 1, wherein the channel has a maximum width in the range of from about 4 to about 10 mm.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended) The foam pad defined in claim 1, wherein the channel has a maximum width in the range of from about 4 to about 8 mm.

Claim 5 (Original) The foam pad defined in claim 1, the channel having disposed therein the female portion of the releasably engageable male-female trim cover attachment system.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented) The foam pad defined in claim 5, wherein the female portion comprises a female attachment portion and a base portion.

Claim 7 (Original) The foam pad defined in claim 6, wherein the base portion has a larger surface area than a surface area of the female attachment portion attached thereto.

Claim 8 (Original) The foam pad defined in claim 7, wherein at least a portion of the base portion is encompassed by the foam pad.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended) The foam pad defined in claim 6, wherein the female attachment portion spans the width of the channel second section.

Claim 10 (Original) The foam pad defined in claim 6, wherein the female attachment portion comprises a clip portion.

Claim 11 (Original) The foam pad defined in claim 10, wherein the clip portion comprises a substantially U-shaped cross-section.

Claim 12 (Original) The foam pad defined in claim 11, wherein U-shaped cross-section comprises a pair of generally upstanding walls defining a locking region therebetween for receiving a male portion of the male-female trim cover attachment system.

Claim 13 (Original) The foam pad defined in claim 12, wherein a distal portion of each of the upstanding walls comprises a locking portion for engaging the attachment portion of the element to be attached.

Claim 14 (Original) The foam pad defined in claim 13, wherein the locking portion comprises a first lateral portion projecting substantially toward the locking region.

Claim 15 (Original) The foam pad defined in claim 14, wherein the first lateral portion projects angularly with respect to the pair of generally upstanding walls.

Claim 16 (Original) The foam pad defined in claim 13, wherein the locking portion comprising a hook-shaped portion.

Claim 17 (Original) The foam pad defined in claim 5, wherein the foam pad comprises a plurality of female portions disposed in the channel.

Claim 18 (Original) The foam pad defined in claim 17, wherein the plurality of female portions are independent of one another.

Claim 19 (Currently Amended) The foam pad defined in claim 17, wherein the plurality of female portions are interconnected to one another with at least one connecting portion.

Claim 20 (Original) The foam pad defined in claim 5, wherein the female portion is constructed from a polymer.

Claim 21 (Previously Presented) The foam pad defined in claim 20, wherein the polymer is selected from the group consisting of thermoset polymer and thermoplastic polymers.

Claim 22 (Previously Presented) The foam defined in claim 21, wherein the thermoplastic polymer is selected from the group consisting of polyethylene, polypropylene and mixtures thereof.

Claim 23 (Original) The foam pad defined in claim 21, wherein the thermoset polymer comprises polyurethane.

Claim 24 (Original) The foam pad defined in claim 1, further comprising a trim cover attached thereto, the trim cover comprising the other of the male portion or the female portion of the releasably engageable male-female trim cover attachment system.

Claim 25 (Original) A vehicular seat comprising the foam pad defined in claim 24.

Claims 26-49 (Cancelled)

Claim 50 (Currently Amended) A foam pad comprising:

a surface to which a trim cover can be secured, the surface having molded therein an open channel having a longitudinal axis and a maximum width of up to about 15 mm, the open channel having ~~the channel having~~ a first section, ~~and~~ a second section, and a third section disposed serially along the longitudinal axis, the second first section: (i) having a narrower width than the first and third sections ~~second section~~ when measured in a direction perpendicular to ~~along~~ said longitudinal axis; and (ii) disposed in a portion thereof at least one female portion of a releasably engageable male-female trim cover attachment

system, the female portion comprising a female attachment portion and a base portion.

Claim 51 (Currently Amended) The foam pad defined in claim 50, wherein the channel has a maximum width of up to about 12 mm.

Claim 52 (Currently Amended) The foam pad defined in claim 50, wherein the channel has a maximum width in the range of from about 4 to about 10 mm.

Claim 53 (Currently Amended) The foam pad defined in claim 50, wherein the channel has a maximum width in the range of from about 4 to about 8 mm.

Claim 54 (Cancelled)

Claim 55 (Currently Amended) The foam pad defined in claim ~~50~~ 54, wherein the base portion has a larger surface area than a surface area of the female attachment portion attached thereto.



Claim 56 (Previously Presented) The foam pad defined in claim 55, wherein at least a portion of the base portion is encompassed by the foam pad.

Claim 57 (Currently Amended) The foam pad defined in claim 50 54, wherein the female attachment portion spans the width of the channel second section.

Claim 58 (Currently Amended) The foam pad defined in claim 50 54, wherein the female attachment portion comprises a clip portion.

Claim 59 (Previously Presented) The foam pad defined in claim 58, wherein the clip portion comprises a substantially U-shaped cross-section.

Claim 60 (Previously Presented) The foam pad defined in claim 59, wherein U-shaped cross-section comprises a pair of generally upstanding walls defining a locking region therebetween for receiving a male portion of the male-female trim cover attachment system.

Claim 61 (Previously Presented) The foam pad defined in claim 60, wherein a distal portion of each of the

upstanding walls comprises a locking portion for engaging the attachment portion of the element to be attached.

Claim 62 (Previously Presented) The foam pad defined in claim 61, wherein the locking portion comprises a first lateral portion projecting substantially toward the locking region.

Claim 63 (Previously Presented) The foam pad defined in claim 62, wherein the first lateral portion projects angularly with respect to the pair of generally upstanding walls.

Claim 64 (Previously Presented) The foam pad defined in claim 61, wherein the locking portion comprising a hook-shaped portion.

Claim 65 (Previously Presented) The foam pad defined in claim 50, wherein the foam pad comprises a plurality of female portions disposed in the channel.

Claim 66 (Previously Presented) The foam pad defined in claim 65, wherein the plurality of female portions are independent of one another.

Claim 67 (Previously Presented) The foam pad defined in claim 65, wherein the plurality of female portions are interconnected to one another at least one connecting portion.

Claim 68 (Previously Presented) The foam pad defined in claim 50, wherein the female portion is constructed from a polymer.

Claim 69 (Previously Presented) The foam pad defined in claim 50, further comprising a trim cover attached thereto, the trim cover comprising a male portion of the releasably engageable male-female trim cover attachment system.

Claim 70 (Previously Presented) A vehicular seat comprising the foam pad defined in claim 69.

Claim 71 (Currently Amended) A foam pad comprising:

a surface to which a trim cover can be secured, the surface having molded therein an open channel having a longitudinal axis and a maximum width of up to about 15 mm,

the open channel having a first section, ~~and~~ a second section, and a third section disposed serially along the longitudinal axis, the second ~~first~~ section: (i) having a narrower width than the first and second sections ~~second section~~ when measured in a direction orthogonal to ~~along~~ said longitudinal axis; and (ii) having disposed in a portion thereof plurality of female portions of a releasably engageable male-female trim cover attachment system, the female portion comprising a clip portion and a base portion molded into the foam pad.

Claim 72 (Previously Presented) The foam pad defined in claim 71, further comprising a trim cover attached thereto, the trim cover comprising a male portion of the releasably engageable male-female trim cover attachment system.

Claim 73 (Previously Presented) A vehicular seat comprising the foam pad defined in claim 72.